

speech are not checked by themselves from <sup>naive</sup> expressions of vanity, nor, it should be added.

safeguarded from the inconsistencies between

language and conduct which are detected <sup>by</sup> an introspective mind. Nor are they sensitive <sup>in</sup> regard to appearances—indeed they are <sup>surpris-</sup>ingly unconscious of grotesqueness or untidiness

in dress—and they accordingly are not <sup>steadied</sup> by one of the surest foundations upon <sup>which</sup>

<sup>"</sup> respectability <sup>"</sup> can establish itself.

We may also notice amongst them a lack <sup>of</sup> originality in will-power. All men are more inclined to adopt opinions that are current <sup>than</sup> to form them for themselves. But the Mediter-

ranean peoples seem to be peculiarly susceptible to the catchwords of the day. The extraordinary infatuation shown by the French over the <sup>Dreyfus</sup> case is a striking illustration of this tendency.

It seems, moreover, that the impulse to <sup>change</sup> is less forcible in the Mediterranean than <sup>further</sup> north. The bonds of habit are stronger. If we look below the surface of modern Italian <sup>and</sup> Spanish civilization we shall discover a surprising

continuity of ideas from the days of the Romans.

The style of domestic architecture has remained <sup>in</sup> some measure unchanged even so <sup>far</sup> afield <sup>as</sup> in Buenos Ayres the houses of the Italian immigrants.

in their construction and decoration. offer <sup>more</sup> than fanciful resemblances to those of Pompeii.

Christianity has become the religion of <sup>the</sup>

people : but in its Mediterranean form  
it betrays  
many connections with the cults of  
pagan times.  
Pausanias<sup>s</sup>~~t~~he Baedeker of Greece  
eighteen  
centuries ago<sup>—</sup>was interested to  
notice black  
statues of Artemis : there are black  
Madonnas  
at the present day, and the cult of  
the Virgin

<sup>1</sup> Marius, Sulla, or Catiline would feel quite at home in present-day Mexico.